

Our Grip Sack.

"Honely that and nothing more"—a razor strop.

If the boys do build snow men its 'snow bodies business.

"The Chin-ese must go" when the dull razor is applied.

Glass eggs are put in a hen's nest as a rus c ter make her lay.

HE.—"Pray Annie dear, why look so sad?"
SHE.—"Because so long I've waited,
If I could get a mate for life
I'd be more *Anuic-mated*."

How happy the man in the moon must have been when he got his *first quarter*. But nothing like his delight as when drinking he got into his *third quart*.

A poker player found a sole ace in his hand and yet wasn't happy.—*Boston Post*. You deserve to be so laced that you'd never perpetrate another such vile one.

A butcher in the market is responsible for the following: "Why is my slaughter house like the globe?" Ans. "Because it's-vere I kill." This is sphere-ful and Knox spots out of anything of the kind around this "quarter."

Poetical (?) Justice.—Our hard-up contributor remarked in a late issue that the Jews are prone "to lighten the Gentiles," but then, on the other hand he must concede that the Gentiles are not backward in "giving the devil his *Jew*."

Grip is brim full of good things and should be in every house; in fact, no family should be without it.

GRIP is like Allsop's Ale,--
Sometimes frothy, seldom stale.

—*Port Hope Guide*.

We met a bar-room "beat," with a "reddish" nose, the other evening and asked him if he would take a "nip." He said he wasn't like a feller that would "pass-a-nip," so he "took it up and went alone," after which he waited for some one else to "turn-up" and ask him to "take something."

Our funny contributor says that a great wave of prosperity may have passed over the country but it has not struck him to any alarming extent. He says that any abandoned contracts on Section B. or other unconsidered trifles will be thankfully accepted by him as Christmas offerings. Letters of Contract transfers—enclosing five dollars as a guarantee of good faith may be addressed to our contributor at Lindsay.

Mrs. Sillibus asked one of the clerks in a King street, St. John, N. B., dry goods store for some "Colored Person Cords." "You probably mean Colored Persian Cords," replied the polite young man. "No, indeed I don't want any Colored Purgin Cords, and if I can't have a sassy-factory answer, I shan't fraternize your store." She went out in a high dudgeon muttering something about the trowdashous imprudence of these whapper-snuffers.

The Washdemoak river in New Brunswick, derived its name from the following curious incident. During the early settlement of the Province, a settler, exploring this river, came across a negro's cabin close to the river side. Aunt Dinah was giving a young picaninny a bath in the river. "What are you doing there?" said the stranger. "Ise gwine to wash de moke," replied Dinah, and he immediately named the river Washdemoak. This does not appear in Hanny's History of Acadia but is absolutely accurate nevertheless.

Our Christmas Story.
11.30 P.M.



Convinced that Tommy was fast asleep, they were playing Santa Claus quite unaware of



THE LOOKER ON.

Hot with curiosity, he went down stairs to inspect; suffered



A DISAGREEABLE SURPRISE,

and returned hot with something that was not curiosity. M. B.

Answers to Correspondents.

A. F. You are anxious to hear of the fate of your "Pupp." Well, not having the tag of merit on his collar, he was shot—into our wastebasket without any ceremony.

AUTHOR. We do not undertake to reply by post to every contributor. If an article does not appear in a reasonable length of time, it may be considered as rejected. MSS. are not returned.

LORD ULLIN'S DAUGHTER. The writer of this must be left lamenting, as the event referred to is entirely too stale now.

"The Hemisphere."

WHAT OUR PATRONS SAY OF IT.

I have advertised in the *Hemisphere* for the past six months, and I still live,

J. CHEAPJON,
The great clothier.

We have had an advt. in the *Hemisphere* for quite a long time, and say without hesitation that the leading articles are occasionally good. JONES, SMITH & Co.,
Noted for cheap goods.

You ask us to say we have found the *Hemisphere* a first class advertising medium, and in return you will give us a free advt. by inserting our certificate. Well, under the circumstances we agree to say so. HODGE, PODGE & Co.,
Wholesale importers of the very best groceries.

In compliance with your fluttering circular we beg to say that in our opinion the *Hemisphere* is a far better advertising medium than the *Postbag*. GOOSEBERRY, SONS & Co.,
Importers & dealers in Dry goods. (Call and see our Christmas stock.)

I can conscientiously say that I consider the *Hemisphere* a very good advertising medium, though not to be compared to GRIP.

HARDPAT & Co.,
General Merchants.

The Coming Man.

A correspondent writes us to ask our advice upon the question of a Platform for a new paper which he is about to start under the above title. By way of reply we submit the following,—

To-day we present to our numerous readers the first copy of THE COMING MAN; a paper

we believe, destined to revolutionize the Political, Religious, Social, Criminal and Newspaper world. In this our Exordium we will briefly lay down the platform that, as Reformers, we intend to occupy; and if any man can find there in that which does not meet his particular view, we will change it to suit him. We believe that every newspaper should clearly and distinctly lay before its readers the principles by which it shall be guided; and furthermore, we believe it is the inalienable right of every man to demand and exact from newspapers, such clear enunciation of principle. Premising thus we introduce the paper of many principles; our motto being to please all, in which we don't expect to succeed. As the question of Finance is perhaps the most important that now occupies the attention of both Canadians and Foreigners, we will take it first into consideration. If the principle be correct that money in itself is a thing of no value (which it certainly is to those who do not possess it,) but only a measure of the value of commodities; if its debt-paying power is only conferred upon it by the sovereign stamp of Government being impressed thereon, thus making it legal tender, then to our mind the cheapest money is the best; and we hereby give in our adherence to paper money. We also want all money redeemable in gold, and we individually want all the gold we can possibly get. We will therefore allow the Rag Babyites to have all the paper money they want, if they pay for it; and in the meantime we will try and scratch along with gold. As regards our Trade relations with other countries, we believe the less restrictions placed upon Commerce the better for any country; at the same time we want a good protective tariff for Canada. We believe the principle of Protection to be wrong, and would therefore advise all nations to discountenance it; but as we appear to be getting along pretty well with it, we would advise Canada to "hang on" to it for the present. The question of the Scott Act is one of considerable importance, and as intemperance is known to be a great evil, we would advise its adoption by every municipality except the one in which we live. We are in favor of total prohibition, and of the right of every man to sell whatever merchandise will yield him a profit, let it be dry goods or whiskey. We think our School Act one of the best in the world; and we are confirmed in this opinion by the fact that we do not understand it, and never knew anybody that did. We would advise Mr. Mowat and the Local Legislature to further amend it, at the coming Session, that is if it be capable of further amendment.

In the matter of the Pacific Railway, we believe the Syndicate scheme to be the only method by which it could be built, also we are opposed to the granting of large tracts of lands to either corporations or individuals. We believe the land, the air, and the water, to be the free gift of God to the population of the earth, and if any man possess more than he himself can properly cultivate, he is robbing his fellow-man of his birth-right; also, if the government have any more blocks of 168,000 acres to give away we will try our best to cultivate it. We are totally opposed to the introduction of Party Politics into municipal elections, unless we are made the party candidate. In Politics we are strictly independent inasmuch as we will support both old parties and give the Beaver-Backers a lift occasionally. The measure of our support to these parties will be guided by the amount of support we receive from them.

These are a few of our principles, and in presenting them we hope they will meet with your hearty approval. Space will not permit us to give further expression to our views, but in future numbers will be found a continuation of our Platform. We invite earnest consideration and criticism of it, and hope it will receive the support which it undoubtedly merits.

TIMOTHY.